REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 9-13 are currently pending. Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice; and Claims 1, 9, 10, and 12 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kamara ("JavuNetwork: Remote Video Production and Storage").

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, the data-providing apparatus comprising: (1) first acquisition means for acquiring one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser; (2) second acquisition means for acquiring a predetermined number of image data items that are used in each scenario, in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the second acquisition means acquires the image data items supplied from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus; (3) user video-data management means for storing the one or more scenarios and the image data items; (4) receiving means for receiving image data items transmitted by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser; (5) means for selecting the image data items acquired by the second acquisition means and for allocating the image data items to video scenes of a scenario acquired by the first acquisition means; and (6) editing

means for editing the image data items that are received by the receiving means and allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate limitations recited in original Claim 8, which has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, amended Claim 1 is supported by the originally filed specification and does not add new matter.

The Kamara reference is directed to a Java-based network-centric digital editing application that incorporates streaming technology. As shown in Figure 1, the Kamara reference discloses a network-based video editing system in which users can edit digital media useing any web browser. In particular, as shown on page 80 of the Kamara reference, users can have their video digitized and upload the files they want to edit directly to a web server or may obtain stock footage from the web server. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the Kamara reference fails to disclose a second acquisition means for acquiring a predetermined number of image data items that are used in each scenario, wherein the second acquisition means acquires the image data items supplied from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus. In this regard, Applicants note that amended Claim 1 recites a data-providing apparatus, a data-processing apparatus, and another data-processing apparatus. In contrast, the Kamara reference discloses a server and a client. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the Kamara reference fails to disclose that the second acquisition means of the data-providing apparatus can acquire image data items supplied from another data-processing apparatus, i.e., other than through the demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, as recited in Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 1 as anticipated by the Kamara reference is rendered moot by the present amendment to Claim 1.

Independent Claims 9, 10, and 12 recite limitations analogous to the limitations recited in Claim 1. Moreover, Claims 9, 10, and 12 have been amended in a manner

analogous to the amendment to Claim 1. Accordingly, for reasons analogous to the reasons stated above for the patentability of Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of Claims 9, 10, and 12 are rendered moot by the present amendment to those independent claims.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 9, 10, and 12 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably define over the Kamara reference.
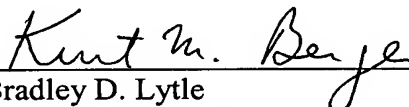
Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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